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1 Summary

2 The invention concerns a clamping and/or braking device with a housing, in which at
3 least one plate-like element is held, which is supported, with a first end, opposite a stop area of
4 the housing and which, with a second end, transfers clamping and/or braking forces to an object,
5 or acts on a pressurizable element, which transfers clamping and/or braking forces to an object,
6 wherein the plate-like element has at least one bending area which is convex in the starting state,
7 which is constructed pressure-resistant and nevertheless elastically deformable so that the
8 bending area forms an elastic element between the stop area of the housing and a pressurizing
9 end of the plate-like element, wherein an essentially airtight pressure space is formed between
10 the convex side of the at least one bending area of the at least one plate-like element and the
11 housing, wherein the pressure space can be acted on with the excess pressure of a pressure
12 medium which can be supplied to the housing, and wherein the at least one plate-like element
13 and its at least one bending area are constructed in such a way that with an pressurization of the
14 pressure space with excess pressure, as a result of a reduction of the curvature of the bending
15 area to attain prespecified clamping and/or braking forces, a movement of the second end of the
16 at least one pressurizable element (17) takes place in the direction of the base element (7), or an
17 increase of the clamping and/or braking forces, which can be transferred to the object by the
18 second end of the at least one pressurizable element, is brought about.

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20 Figure 1 is the main drawing.